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Knox Obedience Dog Club Newsletter

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Madeline showing true spirit on a rainy day. Congrats on the Endurance Title pass!



This little cutie has signed up for classes...



"You can't train a Husky"
- Andrew, Instructor, 7th Sept, 2009
Well done Anna & Czar!



Nice work Christine & River! A Rally Novice Title AND a fancy blue ribbon to boot!

EDITORS REPORT

YOU might think it's cold, I thought it was cold, but apparently it's actually not. Apparently it's the warmest start to June we've had in 15 years. Supposedly. Well so says the radio on the way home from work tonight. Can't complain too much, the weather has been perfect for the grass on the top oval, and it's great to see the Club spreading out again.

There has been some minor shuffling of our Instructors and you may have a new Instructor leading your class today.

We have a great issue of Pawprint here for you today, including a report on the recent KODC Tracking Trial held at Ballarat, some great advice from Marta, while Norm is keeping you up to date with the happenings in the Agility world.

You may have noticed to the right there is a notice of a General Meeting. From time to time, the Committee needs the memberships approval of various administrative changes, and in this case an update to the Club's By Laws, which include the Rules of KODC, Membership Fees and Annual Awards. While the proposed changes will be published in full online in conjunction with the next Pawprint, now is a great time to put forward any suggestions you may have for consideration, and if so, please contact a member of the Committee as soon as possible.

ABOUT PAWPRINT

Pawprint, our monthly newsletter is full of information, training tips and important news about club happenings. Pick up your copy on the FIRST SUNDAY of each month - they are found on the counter at

the club kitchen or the sign-up office window.

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GENERAL MEETING

Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. invites all members to a General Meeting to be held at the KODC Clubhouse on

Thursday, 4th August at 8:00pm

All attendees are required to wear their KODC membership badge.

The agenda for this meeting will be published in next months Pawprint, and specific details of proposed voting items, including proposed changes to the Club's By Laws, will be published in full online.

PAWPRINT is now available in colour from the KODC website
www.kodc.org.au/featured/newsletters

Do you have an article, information, or photograph that you would like to contribute to the newsletter?

If so, please give it to a Committee member or email it to:
customerservice@knoxodc.org.au

2016 KNOX TRACKING TRIAL AT BALLARAT

By Magaretha Hovens

Best weekend ever.

We arrived on Friday and the Judges (Judy, Kim and John) got there groups and made a plan of attack, which worked well.

Patricia and Margaretha arrived a short time later with the food for lunch, and the gear for the weekend. Lunches were made and taken out to the groups, So Patricia how many times did you go through the road works at the around about?

The VCA rep this year was Mrs Ute May and it is always lovely to see her and Dick at our tracking trials as they are life members of Knox Obedience Dog Club Inc. Wow then another old member of Knox showed up and it was great to see Deb, it had been a number of years since we had seen her.

Everyone finished early laying the tracks putting out flags and then did some copying of the maps. Then out for dinner at the Flying horse.

Trevor received a phone call while at dinner a competitor scratched, shortly after that we when back to our accommodation (Shady Acres Ballarat) or the Shed at Haddon.

The next day, Trevor had an early morning phone call at 5.30am a competitor had gotten lost, could he come out and find her, (she was 2 streets away). Well that start a very busy morning. It was an early start on Saturday 6.45am The Stewards who help the judges got the 1st lot of tracklayers out and the day was off to a good start. I laid a track for Julie and her dog Miah, I placed 3 socks on the track for Miah to find, and so when I got to the end of the track I could not find my glasses, radio the steward and advise him I had lost my glasses on track. Julie and Miah started the track sum 20 minutes later and after the start sock, guess what the 1st article, my glasses was. So thank you Miah.



Julie and her dog Miah, with the Judge Kim behind.

standing behind this tree.



The photo was taken just before Julie finished the track. And little Miah was happy to get her chicken. Oh thanks Julie for the chocolates.

The other Knox's members who tracked that day did not have much luck, it was quite windy.

The trial finished just after 2.30pm which meant a few hours to ourselves and a good walk was in order, before Kiara drove back home to Melbourne.

Saturday night dinner was nice and everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you for Shirley and Brian for doing the dishes much appreciated.

The next morning which again was an early start for us, Judges and stewards quickly arranged there groups and the day was off and running, Patricia and I made the lunch for the Judges, and as it was colder than the day before we sent some warm food out also.

Brian laid the track for Liz and their dog Shep and the grading was good.

Unfortunate Heidi who also tracked did not pass.

The Trail finished just after 1pm and after cleaning up and packing cars we were on our way home.

Once again we have to say thank you to a number of people, Our Judges, Kim, Judy and John, Stewards Lisa, Pat, Julieann, Kiara, Michael, Deb (from Knox), Deb (from Ballaarat), Marg, Peter & Dawn and sorry if I have forgotten anyone but a very big thank you.

Thanks to Ballaarat Dog Obedience club members for their help.

To Trevor our Trial manager, another great job.

To Patricia, my sister Wilma, Sonia and her girls, thank you for the great food.

INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

CLUB RULES

1. NO bitches in season permitted on or near the training ground
2. NO dog allowed on the ground without a lead, unless under the supervision of an Instructor.
3. NO children other than child handlers permitted on the training ground.
4. Dogs not to be left unattended, tied to a car or in the vicinity of the clubhouse or left in the care of small children.
5. Dog droppings must be cleaned up IMMEDIATELY.
6. A dog that has bitten or, in the opinion of the training panel, shows an extreme tendency of unprovoked aggression towards people and/or dogs, MUST be muzzled. Members have the right of appeal against muzzling if it can be proved, beyond doubt, that the dog was provoked. Removal of a muzzle will be decided by the committee, at the recommendation of the Training Panel.
7. No SMOKING in class or the Clubhouse.
8. NO hitting a dog except when trying to prevent a fight or prevent a dog biting a person.
9. Handlers must be a FINANCIAL MEMBER of the club to attend training and use the club facilities.
10. All members must wear their current membership card when attending training.
11. Dogs are allowed in the Clubhouse (excluding areas set aside for the preparation or serving of food), except on such days as committee considers inappropriate. No dogs are to be in the Office, except those belonging to Club members working there.
12. Any dog showing visible signs of any DISEASE or DISABILITY will be asked to leave training ground and seek veterinary advice.

YELLOW BANDANAS

The Knox Obedience Dog Club has available Yellow Bandanas to identify dogs that may need a bit of space around them.

The reason for needing one could be nervousness, recovery from an operation (i.e.: convalescing,) or a dog who is unsociable to people or other dogs.

When approaching a yellow bandana dog please make sure your dog doesn't go running up to it freely, just as the handler of the yellow bandana dog should be mindful of the space around their dog at all times.

So if you feel your dog needs to be given their own space, then go to the office and obtain a bandana for the day. Please return them when you have finished, so that other dogs can have their turn.

AVOID DOGS TIED UP AND IN CRATES

From time to time Instructors and ring users will tie or crate a dog while they are working or helping other members. Please avoid letting your dog approach any dog without first communicating with its owner.

Knox Obedience Club Membership Fees

Membership	Annual Fee	Joining Fee	Total
Juniors (10-16 years)	\$20	\$25	\$45
Single Adult (17 years and older)	\$40	\$25	\$65
Family (2 adults, 2 children 10-16 years)	\$60	\$25	\$85
Pensioner / Senior	\$20	\$25	\$45
Dual Pensioner / Senior	\$40	\$25	\$65

(Children under the age of 10 are not permitted to have control of a dog in any of the classes)

Note

Joining Fee is paid for the first year only, or if membership has not been renewed within 21 days of the due date. The financial year begins on 1st November and ends on 31st October.

Reduced Fees Apply for new memberships after mid year. See office staff for details

TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Date	Date	Training	Other Events
June	Tuesday	5	Normal Training	
	Sunday	12	No Training	No Training - Long Weekend
	Sunday	19	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	26	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
July	Sunday	3	Normal Training	
	Sunday	10	Normal Training	
	Sunday	17	Normal Training	
	Sunday	24	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	31	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)
August	Thursday	4	KODC Clubhouse	General Meeting
	Sunday	7	Normal Training	
	Sunday	14	Normal Training	
	Sunday	21	Normal Training	Class Testing (2)
	Sunday	28	Normal Training	Class Testing (B, P, 1, 3)

SUNDAY MORNING TRAINING TIMES

First Session (Classes 2, 3 & 4)	8:30-9:30am
Second Session (Baby Puppies, Beginners, Advanced Baby Puppies & Class 1)	9:45-10:45am
Obedience Trial Ring Work available	From 8:30am
Rally-o Ring available	From 8:30am
Agility Trialers Practice	8:15-9:00am
Agility Intermediates Practice	9:05-9:45am
Agility Beginners Class	9:50-10:30am
Foundation	10:50-11:40am

INSTRUCTORS

Baby Puppy - Megan, Patricia
Advanced Puppy - Christine
Beginners - Kristy
Class 1 - Ray, Andrew
Class 2 - Vicki, Mark
Class 3 - Ray, Gail
Class 4 - John

Agility - Wendy, Norman, Alois
Obedience Ring Work - Trevor, Marta, Clive, Tim, Gordon
Rally Obedience - Ray
Tracking Instructor - Trevor
Foundation - Alois, Christine, Patricia, Stephanie, Anne, Norman

KODC COMMITTEE

President - Vicki Reid
Vice President - Margaretha Hovens
Vice President & Incorporation Secretary - Henk Morren
Treasurer - Trevor May
Club Secretary - John Nielsen

General Committee Members
 Patricia Roberts
 Debra Cartledge
 Luke Kenny
 Megan Pepprell
 Nola Williams
 Susanne Witty
 Kirsten Petersen
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REWARDING YOUR DOG

By Marta McKenzie

One of the most important parts of training is rewarding correct behavior. It is very important to think about what kind of rewards your dog really likes, at home and in the very distracting environment of the training grounds.

You may want to categorize rewards like toys or different kinds of food, based on your dog's preference. Things that dog would kill for, that will get its attention even when a lot is going on in the nearby environment. It may be cheese, meat, kitchen scraps, cabana, dried liver, a tennis ball, or dog's favorite toy.

Food treats should be small. Your dog will eat a lot of them in a session, so they can't be too big. Treats should be soft so that the dog doesn't have to stop and chew. If you feed a lot of treats during training, you will need to reduce the size of your dog's dinner to compensate.

Remember, " Rewards are in the eye of the beholder, " it is the dog's opinion that counts. There is no point in trying to train a dog using rewards that the dog doesn't want.

Once you have your dog's reward figured out plan to use some reinforcers when distractions are heavy or you are first teaching a new exercise. It is a good idea to vary the rewards that you use. Put several treats in your bag before starting each training session and have some variety from session to session.

Most dogs like praise and some kind of touch, like scratch on the chest or behind the ear, however these are usually much weaker rewards than food.

Your rewards have to be better than everything else on offer in the environment, including the chance to sniff the ground, play with another dog...

Always tell your dog how wonderful it is as you are giving it its reward.



WHAT IS RALLY-O

By Marta McKenzie

Rally Obedience (also known as Rally - O) or Rally is a dog sport based on Obedience. It is carried out in a more relaxed style where handlers are allowed to encourage their dogs during the course, so they may use verbal praise and petting if they wish.

Rally is introduction to Obedience for dogs of all breeds and ages, it gives for veteran dogs to remain active, for shy or antisocial dogs to get experience in the ring. Timid or anxious dogs find soft verbal praise very reassuring which can build confidence. Handlers with disabilities may compete, providing they can move about in the ring without physical assistance. Wheel-chairs / walking sticks are allowed.

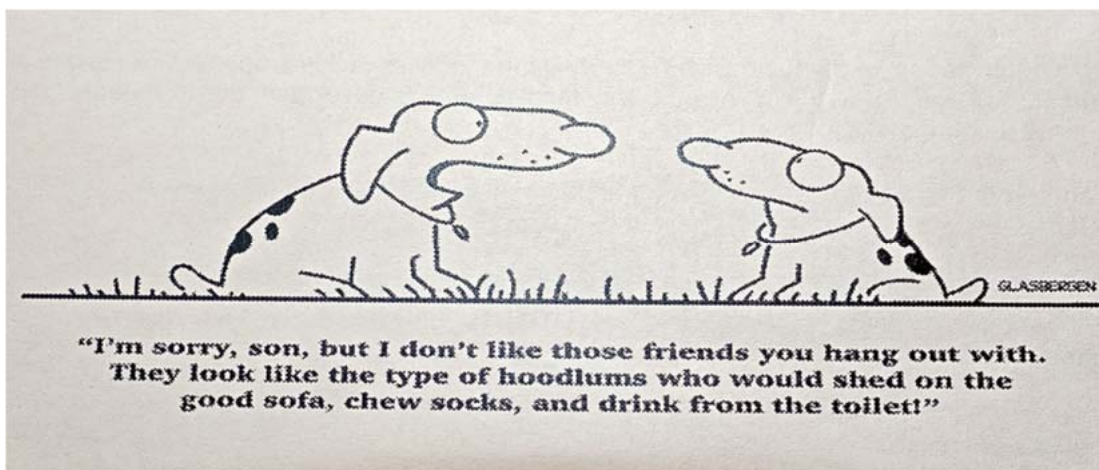
The courses are designed by judge and are different in every trail. They have numbered signs which instruct handler with dog to heel, go fast or slow, to halt (dog must sit), to make turns, circles, to reverse direction, to go over jump and follow other basic obedience exercises. Instead of waiting for the judges orders, the competitors proceed around course with the dog.

The course consist of 10 to 24 stations depending on class level. The 10 minute walk through the course is included in the scheduled time to familiarize themselves with signs.

There are four levels in competition: Novice, Advanced, Excellent, Masters. Novice is conducted on lead, other levels are off lead. Advanced and Excellent courses include jumps and more challenging exercises, Masters is more demanding still. There should be evidence of teamwork between the dog and the handler, but perfect heel position is not required.

The team starts with 100 points and judge deducts points for mistakes like tight lead or performing exercise incorrectly. Food or toys are not permitted in competition.

All you need is dog with flat collar and lead.



AGILITY NEWS

By Norman Morcom

HUGE ATTENDANCE AT NATIONALS IN ADELAIDE

The biggest agility news item has been the Agility Nationals which were run in late May.

"The Nationals" are held every 2 years in a different State. They're always a huge occasion with agility, jumping and games trials running continuously over 5 days. Adelaide hosted this year and there were over 400 handlers with 628 dogs from all around Australia competing in over 5,800 runs.

If you've ever had trouble getting accommodation interstate with a dog on board, think about the added difficulty if another 350 or so people and partners are also trying for the same location at the same time! Bookings are already being made for the next running, which is in Melbourne in 2018.

On the first day of the Nationals, the representative State Teams competed against each other. Also on days 1 to 4, dogs were scheduled to compete in trial events as individual entries. The most successful dogs qualifying at each level were then selected to run in Finals on day 5 to find the "best of the best".

Day 3 was the Friday and brought a severe storm which caused cancellation of all events that day and the following morning. Most of those cancelled events were rescheduled for the Saturday afternoon and Sunday, but it made for a very busy programme.

Our club had 5 members competing in Adelaide with their 7 dogs. We think that's a record for KODC at an interstate trial. Alois Schnider was there with Chloe, Martha Schnider had Bella, Anne Warren took Mimi & Baxter, Margaret Keil ran Lucille & Palina while Stephanie Hirst ran Penny.

Stephanie and Penny had a special role, being selected in the Victorian State team which went by the name "Vic All Paws".



Vic State Team in uniform, Steph & Penny far left

Our deadline for printing Pawprint is such that we don't have the results yet for the individual events. We do know the Victorian team tied with Queensland on points for First Place. However Queensland was declared the winner on the basis of a countback of total times. That's the best Victoria has done for many years.

NEVER TOO OLD



Can you teach an old dog new tricks? You betcha!

Ignoring any comments about the age of our instructor, here's 6-year old *Charlie* the fox terrier cross taking her first ever agility jump cautiously. Her second jump was less tentative, and the third quicker again. Then there was no stopping her.

It's amazing how quickly any dog, young or old, can learn new tricks and become a real enthusiast for agility.

AGILITY NEWS

By Norman Morcom

BEGINNERS CLASS ROCKS



We've seen many new attendees at the agility beginner classes this year. Some of the dogs have beginner handlers while other dogs have experienced handlers.

While most beginner dogs are in the 15 to 24 month age range, 6 and 7 year olds are also doing well. They range from little toy poodles to a big doberman. Every dog and every handler has different training needs and our small group sizes caters for the differences.



PHOTOS FROM RECENT TRIALS



TRIAL REPORT FOR MAY

Congratulations to our members who have gained passes and title :-

Margaret Keil with Ch Duoforza Tivoli RN JD AD

Excellent Agility	K9 Agility	21/11/15	1st Place
Excellent Agility	K9 Agility	21/11/15	2nd Place
Excellent Agility	Agility Dog Club	26/3/16	1st Place
Novice Gamblers	Dogs Vic	6/12/15	
Novice Snooker	Dogs Vic	6/12/15	
Novice Snooker	Moorabbin ODC	10/4/16	

Martha Schnider with Montulata Jades Gem CCD RE ADX JDM GD SD SPDX

Excellent Gamblers	Action Dogs Vic	16/4/16	2nd Place
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Alois Schnider with Inaword Chlo RE AD JDM JDO GDX SDX SPDX

Master Jumping	Action Dogs Vic	16/4/16	Title JDM-6
Master Jumping	Ballaarat DODC	1/5/16	3rd Place
Master Jumping	Frankston DOC	14/5/16	2nd Place
Excellent Agility	Frankston DOC	14/5/16	1st Place

Susan Witty with Tokkolos

Novice Snooker	Moorabbin ODC	10/4/16	
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Margaretha Hovens with T.Ch Phoenixhovenscooper TSD

Tracking Test 5	Tracking Club of Vic	23/4/16	
Tracking Test 6	Tracking Club of Vic	23/4/16	Title TSDX

Julie Short with T.Ch Lumaal Sasha of Glory

Track & Search Test 1	Tracking Club of Vic	23/4/16	
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Julie Short with Lumaal Miah Forever

Tracking Test 2	Knox ODC	7/5/16	
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Wendy Hansen with Glentress Skye Bird

Novice Jumping	Frankston DOC	14/5/16	
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Lynette Milne with Elreav Caramel Fudge

Community Companion Dog	Berwick ODC	15/5/16	1st Place
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Christine Devlin with Kiriell The Lady of the Lake

Rally Obedience Novice	Southern ODC	19/3/16	3rd Place
Rally Obedience Novice	Mornington ODC	22/5/16	1st Place
Rally Obedience Novice	Croydon & Dist ODC	24/4/16	Title RN

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KODC Trial Report is put together each month by Nola Williams. If you would like your trial achievements to be acknowledged in Pawprint, please ensure your pass cards are added to the pass cards box in the Clubrooms.

ANOTHER WORKING DOG

From Nola Williams

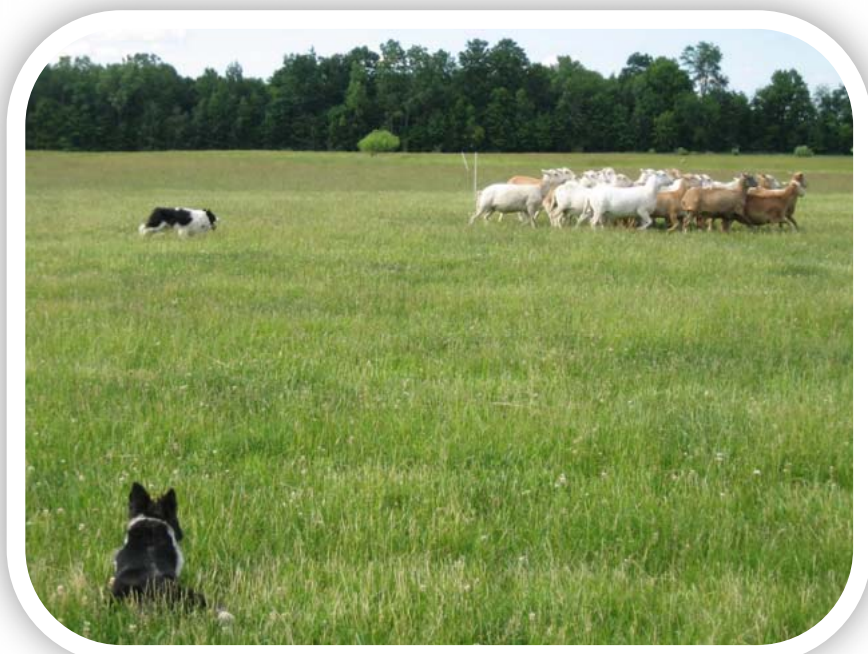
For all their heroics and charm, working dogs above all must perform. Their workplaces are ruthlessly pragmatic about freeloaders. Give them too much praise and these once unsung heroes will get big for their boots. Overdosed with insight and brains, next they'll be wanting carpet in their 44s and no work on Sundays.

Biddy was Mrs AM Turnbull's father's dog, a border collie. One day, when her father was riding near the boundary fence, he saw two sheep just inside the neighbour's paddock. One was his and one the neighbour's. Her father sent Biddy around these sheep but they disappeared up the gully and out of sight over the ridge.

After a considerable length of time, Biddy returned. She had one sheep with her.

It was the one with their brand!

Another day, this clever dog was in the laundry and she was trying to attract attention. She was jumping up at the butcher's knives and killing-gear hanging up in there. When Mrs Turnbull's father followed Biddy outside, Biddy had all the ration sheep yarded. Biddy must have thought it was time to have some fresh meat!



GUDDAY.





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T R A C K I N G A G I L I T Y



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